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Remarks and Election

The claims of Group IV (claims 30-35, 77-82, 96-101) have been elected for examination. Further, the claims of related Group I (claims 1, 18, 36-39) are being amended to make them dependent on the claim of Group IV; otherwise, the election is without traverse. The claims of the non-elected Groups II, III and IV are canceled.

Respectfully submitted,

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